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Title: METHOD, APPARATUS AND SYSTEM OF SCHOOL SEARCH

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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application -39 pages, including 6 independent claims and 20 claims total.
2. Drawings - 30 sheets of formal drawings containing 35 figures.
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
4. Certified copy of Japanese Application No. 2000-228457, filed July 28, 2000.
5. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with 1 document attached.

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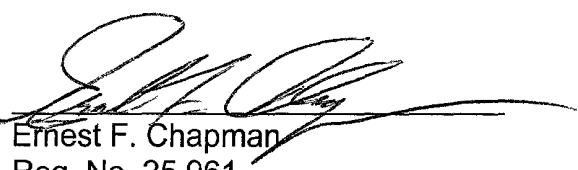
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